Private Universities

2662. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the sharp increase in the number of private universities in the States which, lack infrastructure and prescribed academic standards; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider uniform guidelines and a screening mechanism for recognition of such universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRF): (a) and (b) The incorporation, regulation and winding up of Universities is within the competence of the State Legislaturers. However, in order to maintain standards of higher education the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulation 2003 were issued on 27th December, 2003 and are in force. These Regulations apply to every private university established by or incorporated under a State Act, before or after the commencement of these regulations and also apply to all the degrees/ diplomas/certificates offered by such universities.

Anganwadi workers training centres

†2663. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Anganwadi workers training centres directed to be closed down, *vide* 11 -3-2000-T.R dated January 31,2002 of the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India, State-wise;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether directions have been issued to absorb the employees/officers working therein for the last so many years into other services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Vide letter No. 11 -3-2000-TR-l dated 31.1.2002 *ex-post facto* approval was conveyed to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the sanction of 1 Middle Level Training Centre (MLTC) in the State of Chhattisgarh. *Vide* the same letter, the State was authorized to close down anganwadi Training Centres (AWTCs) after analyzing the requirements of training of Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers. Government of Chhattisgarh has closed down 10 AWTCs out of 20 sanctioned, after taking into consideration training needs of these functionaries.

(c) and (d) As per the guidelines issued in the matter, Government of India does not have any liability on account of the staff engaged in the training centres under the ICDS training programmes except the honoraria provided under the scheme. The Government of India does not have any liability in respect of service matters of such staff also.

Integrated education for disabled children

2664. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Integrated education for disabled children has been revised;

(b) if so, the details of the revision made in the above scheme;

(c) what are the financial and physical targets set in the Tenth Plan; and

(d) the details of disabled children, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 200 crores has been allocated for the Tenth Five Year Plan for the Scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC). A cumulative total of 2.50 lakh disabled children have been proposed to be integrated in the normal schools by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan.

(d)As per the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) 58th Round (July-December, 2002) Report, the number of disabled persons in the country was estimated to be 18.53 million. They formed about 1.8 per cent of the total population. About 55 per cent of the disabled in India were illiterate and about 9 percent completed 'secondary and above level of